UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DEVAL DENIZCILIK VE TICARET A.S.,

07 CIV 3397 (JGK)

Plaintiff,

- against -

REPINTER INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING CO. S.A. and MIACHART CORPORATION LLC,

Defendants.

EPAMINONDAS G. ARGHYRAKIS pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746 hereby declares and says the following under penalty of perjury:

- 1. I am a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales and a partner in the firm of E.G. Arghyrakis & Co. of 150 Fleet Street, London EC3A 2DQ.
- 2. I act for and am authorised by the Plaintiffs in this action, Deval Denizcilik ve Ticaret AS (Deval Shipping & Trading) ("Deval") to make this declaration in opposition to the motion of the Defendants Repinter International Shipping Co. S.A. ("Repinter") and Miachart Corporation LLC ("Miachart") which seeks to require Deval to provide counter-security to Repinter and Miachart.
- 3. Save where otherwise appears the contents of this declaration are derived from my own knowledge and the information obtained by me from my clients and from the sources stated. They are true to the best of my information and belief.
- 4. In my first declaration in this matter of 18th June 2007 I dealt with the background of this case and with the question of the inadequacy of the paper security offered by the Defendants in lieu of funds seized by Order of the Honourable Judge John J. Koeltl of the United States District Court. In this declaration I would like to deal with the question of counter-security demanded by Repinter/Miachart in relation to their alleged counterclaims.

Contractual framework

5. The charterparty between Deval and Repinter/Miachart appears at Exhibit 1 hereto¹. The Verified Answer and Counterclaims lodged in this action by the

¹ The Charterparty has been signed by Deval and stamped by Repinter/Miachart's brokers. However, Repinter/Miachart have refused to sign it despite requests to do so.

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attorneys representing Repinter/Miachart on 22nd May 2007 (Exhibit 2) refers to this document as "Charter No. 1" (paragraph 19). In addition, the same document refers to two further charterparties, "Charter No. 2" between Repinter/Miachart and Belarussian Shipping Co. ("BSC") and "Charter No. 3" between BSC and Waiilam Exports (Singapore (Private) Ltd. ("Wajilam"). To be clear, all three charters concern the same vessel. Owners chartered the ship to Repinter (Miachart guaranteed Repinter's performance of the charter); Repinter in turn sub-chartered the vessel to BSC, who in turn sub-sub-chartered the vessel to Wajilam.

6. Deval is not privy to nor has it (or I) seen a copy of either Charter No. 2 or Charter No. 3.

Attachments in the US

- 7. Apart from Deval's attachment of Repinter/Miachart's funds under the present action there are two further related attachment applications:
 - (i) In action 07 CV 3151 between BSC and Repinter/Miachart before The Honourable Judge Swain, BSC have set out claims against Repinter/Miachart amounting to \$390,000 inclusive of interest and attorney's fees. I refer to this further below. My understanding is that no funds of Repinter/Miachart have, in fact, been attached in this action. A copy of the BSC Complaint against Repinter/Miachart is annexed hereto as Exhibit 3.
 - (ii) In action 07 CV 3152 between BSC and Wajilam before The Honourable Judge Lynch, BSC set out claims against Wajilam amounting to \$1,649,265.40 inclusive. I do not know whether any Wajilam funds have been seized. A copy of the BSC Complaint against Wajilam is annexed hereto as Exhibit 4.
- 8. Despite the fact that the relevant complaints in these two actions, each dated 19th April, both state that arbitration proceedings will commence against the relevant defendants "soon", in fact to the best of my knowledge after investigation, no such proceedings have been commenced to date.

Nature of Defendants' "counter-claims"

- 9. From paragraph 30 of Repinter/Miachart's Verified Answer and Counterclaims, it would appear that the alleged Counterclaims are twofold:
 - (i) alleged loss of hire withheld and/or not paid to Repinter/Miachart by BSC as a purported result of Deval's breaches of Charter No. 1; and
 - (ii) indemnity for the claims asserted by BSC against Repinter/Miachart for which Deval potentially may be held liable in the London arbitration with Repinter/Miachart.

I examine these in turn.

(i) Hire withheld or not paid by BSC

- 10. It is asserted that this amounts to \$556,127 (paragraph 37 (a) of the Verified Answer and Counterclaims, Ex. 2). No breakdown is given, nor is it in any way explained how Deval's purported breaches (as claimed in paragraphs 31 36 of the Counterclaims) in any way relate to (let alone have caused) BSC not to pay hire to Repinter/Miachart.
- 11. Beyond the bald assertion that BSC have "withheld or not paid" hire in the amount indicated under Charter No. 2, there is no explanation at all as to the reasons why BSC failed to pay. Charter No. 2 will almost certainly include provisions such as clause 15 in Charter No. 1, (Ex. 1 hereto) providing for situations in which hire may be legitimately deducted by the relevant charterers. In the present case, there is no evidence at all that BSC have, as a matter of fact, purported to deduct hire under such a clause or why.
- 12. This is so even if all the alleged breaches on the part of Deval (set out at paragraphs 31 36 of the Counterclaims) are assumed to be correct². Even in this case a giant leap is required to explain how such alleged breaches of the charter with Repinter/Miachart on the part of Deval could ever lead to the withholding or non-payment of hire by BSC under its separate charter with Repinter/Miachart.
- 13. Tellingly, Repinter/Miachart have never themselves alleged that the Vessel was ever off-hire within the framework of Charter No. 1. Therefore, either BSC's withholding is simply wrongful or alternatively the withholding by BSC was made legitimately pursuant to a clause in Charter No. 2 which is not "back to back" with any clause in Charter No. 1.
- 14. Equally tellingly it would appear that Repinter/Miachart have not yet commenced proceedings to recover the unpaid hire from BSC or at the very least to seek security for the same from them. Rather, they have incorrectly (in my view) misdirected their efforts to seeking security for BSC's withheld hire from Deval.
- 15. In either situation, however, under English law (which governs Charter No. 1)
 Deval could never be held liable to Repinter/Miachart on the allegations asserted in the Counterclaim. Counter-security should not, therefore be required.

(ii) Claims asserted by BSC against Repinter/Miachart

16. The indication from paragraph 7 of BSC's Verified Complaint against Repinter/Miachart (Ex. 3 hereto) is that Charter No. 2 contains provisions obliging Repinter/Miachart to repair stevedore damage to the vessel since it states

"Certain disputes arose between the parties regarding Repinter's breaches of the

² In fact, Deval strenuously denies that it is in breach of these provisions or of any other provisions of Charter No. 1. See Deval's contemporary reply message of 09.05.07 @ 18:57 to Repinter/Miachart attached hereto as Exhibit No. 5.

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- charter party including but not limited to the breach of stevedore damage provisions contained in the charter party and failure to make significant repairs necessary for the Vessel to sail."
- 17. This is very different from the provisions of Charter No. 1 which is very clear in holding Repinter/Miachart responsible for stevedore damage (line 57 and clause 32). If the allegation in the BSC Complaint against Repinter/Miachart is correct, then it seems that under both Charter No. 1 and Charter No. 2 Repinter/Miachart are liable for stevedore damage.
- 18. This is further evidence that the terms of Charter No. 1 and Charter No. 2 are not back-to-back. When a charterer such as Repinter/Miachart here sub-charters a vessel on terms that are different from the head charter, it runs the risk of inconsistent responsibility for certain damages which may occur in the course of the contracts.
- 19. BSC's claim against Repinter/Miachart, as stated in its Complaint (Ex. 3) at paragraph 14 is for a principal amount of \$260,994 plus interest and costs of approximately \$130,000. There is no indication at all as to how the principal figure has been calculated, but it appears from paragraphs 9-10 to be for lost profits on a voyage that allegedly was prevented from taking place due to the failure of Repinter/Miachart to keep the vessel in good repair. Repinter/Miachart, in their Counterclaims (Ex. 2 paragraph 37 (b)) simply repeat the gross amount of \$390,332 claimed by BSC.
- 20. It is, in any event, the case that this sum has not been paid by Repinter/Miachart to BSC. Nor have Repinter/Miachart suggested that they have themselves provided security to BSC in relation to BSC's claims. It is therefore an entirely contingent claim which has neither been suffered by Repinter/Miachart nor even crystallised in any proceedings against them.³ I would respectfully suggest that given the foregoing, counter-security with respect to the contingent indemnity aspect of the counterclaims should not be required, at least not at this stage.

Timing of counter-security

- 21. Repinter/Miachart's so-called counterclaims are difficult to make sense of since they do not appear to be related to any breach by Deval of the provisions of its contract with Repinter/Miachart (Charter No. 1). They have been put forward opportunistically, in order to discourage Deval from seeking security for its proper claims, which have been particularised fully and are supported by documentary evidence.
- 22. It is for this reason that Deval sought to agree with Repinter/Miachart that counter-security should not be demanded. The proposal was rejected by

³ From the indication in BSC's Verified Complaint that the merits of its dispute with Repinter/Miachart is subject to arbitration, and since no arbitration has commenced, the action before this Honourable Court is merely a security proceeding and is not a suit on the merits.

Repinter/Miachart. Thereafter Deval suggested to Repinter/Miachart that, should they be able to present such counterclaims in the forthcoming arbitration, countersecurity should be sought at that time. Again, Repinter/Miachart rejected such proposal, and have not, in the context of the ongoing arbitration between Deval and Repinter/Miachart, asserted such counterclaims there. This indicates, in my view, that Repinter/Miachart are well aware that they will never be able to present any viable counterclaims under English law.

Repinter/Miachart are already secured!

23. I am grateful to Mr. Semark for his confirmation (paragraph 20 of his declaration of 21st June 2007) that Repinter/Miachart are prepared to credit Deval with certain sums. These are the sums which Repinter/Miachart had admitted were due to Deval (see Exhibit 6). They amount to:

| (i) Suez canal dues: | \$113,870.62 |
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| (ii) Bunkers to be supplied on redelivery: | \$135,213.33 |
| (iii) Barge in relation to above: | \$2,350.00 |
| (iv) Port dues Adabiya: | \$4,792.00 |
| <u>Total</u> | \$256,225.95 |

Repinter/Miachart's wrongful withholding of these funds which are admitted by them to be due to Deval should properly be deemed to be their counter-security.

Hire undoubtedly due

- 24. I refer to Repinter/Miachart's last hire calculation (see Exhibit No. 7). In calculating an amount of only \$39,403.95 for the 24th hire payment⁴ up to 26th April, Repinter/Miachart have credited themselves with "bunkers on redclivery of a total of (\$185,452.05 + \$21,814.38 =) \$207,266.43." However, these bunkers were never supplied by Repinter/Miachart. Instead, the vessel was redelivered with bunker quantities amounting to only (\$48,300 + \$40,320 =) \$88,620. The difference of (\$207,266.43 \$88,620 =) \$118,646.43 represents a further amount undoubtedly due to Deval, which, due to Repinter/Miachart's wrongful withholding of such funds, should also properly be deemed to be their counter-security.
- 25. Further, as transpires from Mr. Semark's discussion⁵ of my earlier declaration, there is a dispute between the parties as to the duration of the charter period. Deval say that Repinter/Miachart abandoned the vessel at Adabiya, in which case Charter No. 1 terminated on 24.04.07 at 17:00⁶. Repinter/Miachart would appear to accept that the vessel remained on hire up to the completion of the repairs⁷.

⁴ This was paid by Repinter/Miachart on 12th April

⁵ In his declaration of 21st June

⁶ This is the time at which Deval took control of the vessel by ordering the crew to commence temporary repairs and sail.

Because clause 32 of Charter No 1 provides "...In case of damages affecting the vessel's seaworthiness...or trading capabilities...the vessel to remain on hire until such repairs are completed..."

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Therefore, arguendo, if Repinter/Miachart are correct in their analysis there is hire indisputably owing from them beyond the 26th April up to 5th May, as they assert (see Exhibit No. 8).

26. Accordingly hire due from 26th April to 5th May is calculated as follows:

- 8 days @ \$10,200: \$81,600 - less commissions 3.75%: (\$3,060)Net hire due: \$78,540

Repinter/Miachart's wrongful withholding of these funds should also properly be deemed to be their counter-security.

27. Therefore, in accordance with what is set out in paragraphs 23 - 26, the total amount of \$453,412.38 is undoubtedly due to Deval, on the assumption that Repinter/Miachart's analysis is correct; (if Deval's analysis is correct, the sums due are substantially greater). Therefore, Repinter/Miachart are already secured in the amount of \$453,412.38, which they admit is due to Deval and state they will "credit" Deval with but which they fail to set off against their counterclaims. Further since the amount is held by Repinter/Miachart (instead of, say, in an interest-bearing escrow account), it would be inappropriate to add interest to Repinter/Miachart's counterclaims.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: London, England 29th June 2007

EPAMINONDAS G. ARGHYRAKIS

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EXHIBIT 1 to the Declaration of Epaminondas G. Arghyrakis Dated 29.06.07

GOVERNMENT FORM

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 - Charterers have the privilege of passengers as far as accommodations allow, Charterers per day per passenger for accommodations and meals. However, it is agreed that in case any fines or extra expenses are consequence of the carriage of passengers, Charterers are to bear such risk and expense. lackle, apparel, furniture, provisions, stores and fuel. sufficient space for Ship's officers, crew. paying Owners
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rate of \$1.00 USD 15.00 per day. Owners to victual Pilots and Customs Officers, and also, when authorized by Charterers or their Agents, to victual Tally Clerks, Stevedore's Foreman, etc., Charterers paying arthecurrent rate per most, for all such victualling USD 1,500.00 per month pro rata for cables, entertainment and USD Captain's table, Charterers paying at 5.00 per meal. Supercargo and Charterers will sign a Letter of Indenntity prior 10 his boarding in the usual PANDI wording. He is to be furnished with free accommodation, and same fare as provided for With

11. That the Charterers shall furnish the Captain from time to time with all requisite instructions and sailing directions, in writing, always carbon copy to Owners'

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Captain shall keep a full and correct Log of the voyage or voyages, which are to be patent to the Charterers or their Agents, and furnish the Charterers, their Agents or Supercargo, when required, with a true copy of daily Logs abstracts on Owners' form, showing the course of the vessel and distance run and the conterers, office fax number: +902166511677 for the smooth operations, and the sumption of fuel. 88 89 89 89 89

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15. That in the event of the loss of time from deficiency of Owners' men or stores, fire, breakdown or damages to bull, machinery or equipment, detention by average accidents to ship or cargo, drydocking for the purpose of examination or painting bottom, or by any other their Agents to have the option of cancelling this Charter at any time not later than the day of vessel's readiness. grounding, 282888888

prevening the full working of the vessel, unless same caused by Charterers or their servants, the payment of hire shall cease for the time thereby lost; and if upon the voyage

defect in or breakdown of any part of her hull, machinety or equipment, the time so lost, and the cost of any extra fuel consumed in consequence 16. That should the Vessel be lost, money paid in advance and not earned (reckoning from the date of loss or being last heard of) returned to the Charterers at once. The act of God, enemies, fire, restraint of Princes, Rulers and People, and all dangers and accidents of the thereof, and all extra proven expenses shall be deducted from the hire.

The vessel shall have the liberty to sail with or without pilots, to tow and to be towed, to assist vessels in distress, and to deviate for the Rivers, Machinery, Boilers and Steam Navigation, and errors of Navigation throughout this Charter Parry, always mutually excepted. purpose of saving life and property. 100 101 102 104 105 106 107

17. That should any dispute arise between Owners and the Charterers, the matter in dispute shall be referred to three persons at London, arbitration according one to be appointed by each of the parties hereto, and the third by the two so chosen; their decision or that of any two of them, shall be final, and for to English Law, New York, 80.00

See Clause 61. Arbitration to be subject to English Law, arbitration as per Arbitration Acts 1959/1979 and any amendments thereto. This Charter Party and any disputes arising hereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law both as regards substance and procedure. 18. That the Owners shall have a lien upon all cargoes, and all sub-freights/tub-hires/demurrage and deadfreight for any amounts due under this Charter whether the purpose of enforcing any award, this agreement may be unade a rule of the Court. The Arbitrators shall be commercial men cognizant in shipping matters.

111 age contributions, and the Charterers to have a lien on the Ship for all monies paid in advance and not carned, and any overpaid hire or excess 112 deposit to be returned at once. Charterers will not suffer, nor permit to be continued, any lien or encumbrance incurred by them or their agents, which is might have priority over the title and interest of the owners in the vessel. 19. That all deceleus and salvage shall be for Owners' and Charterers' equal benefit after deducting Owners' and Charterers' expenses and Rules 1-10-15; inclusive; 17-to-22; inclusive; and Rule Fof 114
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whether due to negligence or not, for which, or for the consequence of which; the carrier is not responsible, by statute, contract, or otherwise, the losses; or expenses of a general average nature that may be made or meurred, and shall pay salvage and special charges incurred in respect of the in-the event of accident, danger, danage, or disaster, before or after commencement of the voyage resulting from any cause whatsoever; goods, the thipper and the consignee, jointly and severally, shall contribute with the carrier in general average to the payment of any aactifices goods: If a salving ship is owned or operated by the carrier, salvage shall be paid for as fully and in the same manner ships-belonged to strangers. Hire not to contribute to General Average.

-, and the 20. Fuel used by the vessel while off hire, also for cooking, condensing water, or for grates and stores to be agreed to as to quantity cust of replacing same, to be allowed by Owners. Provisions as 10 General Average in accordance with the above New Jason Clause are to be included in all bills of lading issued hereunder.

21. That as the ressel-may be from time to time employed in tropical waters during the term of this Charter, Vessel is to be docked at a convenient place, bottom cleaned and painted whenever Charterers and Captain think necessary, at least once in every six months, reckoning from

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providing ropes, falls, slings as on board and blocks. If vessel is flued with derricks capable of handling heavier lifts, Owners are to provide necessary gear for same, otherwise equipment and gear for heavier lifts shall be for Charterers' account. Owners also to provide on the vessel traterns and vil lights as on board for night work, and vessel to give use of electric light when so flued, but any additional lights over those on board to be at Charterers' expense. The

steamer to provide one windings per hatch to work winches day and night, as required, Charterers agreeing to pay officers, engineers, winchiners, deck hands and donkeymen for overtime work done in accordance with the working hours and rates stated in the ship's articles. If the rules of the Charterers to have the use of any gear on board the vessel.

23. Vessel to work night and day, if required by Charterers, and all winches to be at Charterers' disposal during loading and discharging. 141 142 145 146 148 148

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usufficient power to operate winches. Owners to pay for shore engine, or engines, in tien thereof, if required, and pay any loss of time occasioned

24. It—is-also-mutually-agreed-that-this-Charter is subject to all the terms and provisions of and all the exemptions-from liability-contained ur the Act of Congress of the United States approved on the 19th day of February, 1893, and "entitled "An Act relating to Navigation of Vessels; U.S.A. Clause Paramount of which are to be included in all bills of lading issued hereunder. 1

This bill of lading aball have effect subject to the provisions of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act of the United States, approved April any of its rights or mumicies or an increase of any of its responsibilities or liabilities under said Act. If any term of this bill of lading <u>16, 1936, which shall be deemed to be incorporated herein, and nothing herein contained shall be deemed a surrender by the </u> be repugnant to said that to any extent, such term shall be void to that extent, but no further.

Both-to-Blame-Collision-Clause

Maxist, mariner, pilot or the screams of the Carrier in the navigation or in the management of the ship, the owners of the goods carried tf-thc-ship-comes—into-collision—with-another—ship-as-a-result—of—thc-negligenec-of-thc-other-ship-and-any-act-neglect-or-acfault-of-the of tiability-represents tass-of, or danage to, or any claim-whatsoever to the owners of said-goods, paid-or-payable—by the other or noncarrying—ship—or—her—owners—to—the—owners—of—said—goods—and—set—off—recouped—or—recovered—by—the—orher—or non-carrying—ship-or Kereunder—will indemnify—the Carrier—against—all—toss—or—tiability—to—the—other—or—non-carrying—sluip—or—ther—owners—in—

port or get out after having completed toading or discharging. Versel not to force tee or follow lee breakers.

26. Nothing herein stated is to be construed as a demise of the vessel to the Time Charterers. The owners to remain responsible for the navigation of the vessel, acts of pilots, insurance, crew, and all other matters, same as when trading for their own account.

27. A commission of 2-1-2-1.25 per cent is payable by the Vessel and Owners to BBT Tradentips LLC, plus 1.25% to Simpson, Spence and Young (Canada) 25. The vessel shall not be required to enter any ice-bound port, or any port where lights or light-ships have been or are about to be with-reason of ice, or where there is risk that in the ordinary course of things the vessel will not be able on account of ice to safely enter the drawn by 166 167 172 172 173 174 174

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OWNERS:

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- The Charterers shall provide the Owners with their full style contact details and, where sub-29. letting is permitted under the terms of this Charter Party, shall ensure that the contact details of all sub-Charterers are likewise provided to the Owners. In any case the Charterers ultimately responsible from the consequences/performance, etc., of all sub-Charterers.
- Vessel to be delivered with about 500 MT IFO 180 CST and about 33 MT MDO bunkers. 30. Vessel to be redelivered with about same quantities as actually on board upon delivery.

Charterers to take over and pay with estimated bunkers on delivery with first hire and Charterers to have the right to deduct estimated bunker value on redelivery from last sufficient hire payment.

Prices same both ends: USD 350.00/630.00 per metric ton IFO/MDO.

On-/Off-Hire Surveys 31.

Joint on-hire survey to be carried out at first load port and joint off-hire survey at last discharge port. Each party to appoint and pay for their own surveyor. Master/Chief Engineer is authorized to attend on Owners' behalf. On-hire and off-hire surveys to be conducted without interruption to vessel's operations, therefore there will be no deduction and/or addition to onhire time.

BIMCO Standard Stevedore Damage Clause

Should any damage be caused to the vessel or her fittings by the stevedores, the Master shall notify same in writing to the responsible stevedores with copy to the Charterers and their agents at time of occurrence of the damage but latest within 48 hours of occurrence.

The Master shall use his best efforts to have the damage repaired or made good by the stevedores without delay and endeavor to obtain from the stevedores a written acknowledgement specifying the extent of the damage, unless the damage has been repaired or made good in the meantime.

If the stevedores refuse to repair and settle or acknowledge the damage as aforesaid, the Master shall immediately request stevedores to attend a joint survey of the damage and advise Charterers and their agents accordingly about the result of the survey. If stevedores refuse to attend the survey then Master has to arrange the survey for Charterers' account by an independent surveyor.

Charterers to be responsible for damage (wear and tear excepted) caused by negligence of stevedores only if not repaired or made good by stevedores and provided Master has complied with instructions as aforesaid.

In case of any and all damage(s) affecting the vessel's seaworthiness and/or the safety of the crew and/or affecting the trading capabilities of the vessel, the Charterers shall immediately arrange for repairs of damage(s) at their expense and the vessel is to remain on hire until such repairs are completed and if required passed by the vessel's classification society.

The Charterers have the option of redelivering the vessel without repairing stevedore damage not affecting seaworthiness or trading capabilities. The Owners agree that damage not affecting seaworthiness or efficiency and trading capabilities may remain for occasional repair when the ship is to be docked for Owners' account so that Charterers to pay the actual cost of

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repair for stevedore damage but not for the time used, unless it exceeds the time for Owners' drydocking.

- Annual war risk insurance premium on vessel to be for Owners' account but any additional premium levied on account of vessel's trading under this Charter Party to be for Charterers' 33. account. Any war bonus to crew and/or Officers to be for Charterers' account. For insurance purposes, the hull and machinery value of the vessel is fixed at USD 9 Million for the duration of this Charter Party. Any extra insurance on cargo due to vessel's age, flag and/or nature of cargo to be for Charterers' account.
- Should the vessel put back whilst on voyage by reason of any accident or breakdown or in the event of loss of time either in port or at sea, or deviation upon the course of the voyage caused 34. by sickness or accident to the crew or any person on board the vessel (other than the Supercargo employed by Charterers), or by any refusal of the Master or crew to perform their duties, the hire shall be suspended from the time of the inefficiency until the vessel is again efficient (off hire to the extent Charterers' operations are hindered/actual time lost), in the same position equidistant and voyage resumed there from, and all bunker consumed during period of suspended hire shall be for Owners' account.
- If vessel calls at any United States port for purposes of loading or discharging cargo, vessel's cargo gear and all other equipment shall comply with regulations established by U.S. Public 35. Law 85-742, June 1966, (Safety and Health Regulations for Longshoring). If longshoremen are not permitted to work due to failure of the Master and/or Owners and/or Owners' agents to comply with the aforementioned regulations, any delay resulting there from shall be for Owners' account (New Safety and Health Regulations, June 1966).
- It is understood that if necessary the vessel will comply with any safety regulations and/or requirements in effect at ports of loading and/or discharging but always in accordance with 36. ISM and ISPS requirements.
- Deleted. 37.
- Owners' PANDI Club: Thomas Miller PANDI Bermuda. 38. H + M Value: USD 9 Million.

Charterers' insurance company: Charterers Mutual Assurance Assn., London.

All cargo claims to be settled in accordance with NYPE Interclub Agreement, as amended 1996 and any later amendments.

The party having paid the claim pursuant to having obtained the other party's prior approval if it is involved shall submit to the other party supporting documents as soon as possible.

- It is warranted that during the currency of this Charter Party the vessel will be provided with a Certificate of Financial Responsibility (Oil Pollution) issued by the Federal Maritime 39. Commission pursuant to Public Law 91-224 of the United States of America.
- Vessel to have on board deratization certificate, also valid cargo gear certificate. These certificates to be maintained throughout the Time Charter period. 40.

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- Watchmen for cargo to be for Charterers' account, for ship, Owners' account, but tallymen/ 41. watchmen/guard expenses, if compulsory by port authorities, same to be for Charterers' account. Charterers undertake to keep Owners informed during the Charter Party period as regards itinerary of vessel and name of agents at ports of call.
- Charterers to give 15/10/7/5/4/3/2/1 days approximate notice and redelivery port to be 42. declared together with 15 days notice.
- Owners will settle their own disbursements at the various ports of call either in cash through 43. the Master or by remittance directly to the agent without any intervention on the part of the Charterers and with Charterers not being permitted to deduct any money from hire in this respect.

Any delays encountered as a result of Owners not complying with this Clause to be for Owners' account. Charterers to cooperate in advancing funds on Owners' account in case of unforeseen expenses arising where time will not allow funds from Owners to reach agents before vessel's sailing.

Minor Owners' matters to be handled by Charterers' agents free of charge to the Owners.

- Owners to arrange for any cash to Master and related items themselves. 44.
- Vessel's main engine uses MDO in/out ports with pilot and while maneuvering in narrow and 45. restricted waters, also in canals, straits, rivers, etc., and with foggy weather.
- For calculating hire, GMT time to apply both ends. 46.
- The Bill(s) of Lading to be signed by the Master. In case of demand by the Charterers, 47. Master/Owners to authorize in writing Charterers for issuance and signing the Bill(s) of Lading in strict accordance with Mate's receipts.
- Owners to permit discharging operations to commence without original Bill(s) of Lading of 48. discharging port(s). Charterers to provide Owners Owners' PANDI Club wording Letter of Indemnity, on Charterers' letterhead signed by an Officer of the company whose signature is binding on the company, in order to discharge without original Bill(s) of Lading being present at discharging port(s) but Charterers to indemnify Owners and hold Owners harmless against any consequences howsoever arising there from.

Cargo to be discharged into customs custody and cargo not to be released until original Bill(s) of Lading have been presented provided this is the custom of the port, otherwise cargo to be discharged directly to the Receivers should this be the custom of the port, in which case the Letter of Indemnity to be drawn accordingly.

Charterers to fax Letter of Indemnity immediately to Owners for approval, which to be issued fully in strict accordance with relevant Bill(s) of Lading.

In the event of breakdown of a winch/crane or for any period of disablement or insufficient 49. power, unless caused by the neglecting attitude of the crane driver, the hire to be reduced pro rata for the period of such insufficiency but only to the extent that time is actually lost to the Charterers in relation to the number of winches/cranes available and the number of respective

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holds to be worked (i.e., if there are only 2 holds to be worked and the gear at each old has been disabled the vessel to be totally off hire. Furthermore, if the vessel is to work 3 holds and 2 of the 3 holds have disabled gear then vessel to be off hire by a factor of 66%).

In the event shore gear is hired at Owners' expense for all holds to be worked then the vessel is to remain fully on hire or pro rata to/for the number of shore cranes hired to the number of holds which are supposed to be worked provided shore gear hired is of the same capacity and speed as vessel's gear, if not then hire to run pro rata.

BIMCO Double Banking Clause 50.

- a) The Charterers shall have the right, where and when it is customary and safe for vessels of similar size and type to do so, to order the vessel to go, lie or remain alongside another vessel or vessels of any size or description whatsoever or to order such vessels to come and remain alongside at such safe dock, wharf, anchorage or other place for transshipment, loading or discharging of cargo and/or bunkering.
- b) The Charterers shall pay for and provide such assistance and equipment as may be required to enable any of the operations mentioned in this Clause safely to be completed and shall give the Owners such advance notice as they reasonably can of the details of any such operations.
- c) Without prejudice to the generality of the Charterers' rights under (a) and (b), it is expressly agreed that the Master shall have the right to refuse to allow the vessel to perform as provided in (a) and (b) if in his reasonable opinion it is not safe so to do.
- d) The Owners shall be entitled to insure any deductible under the vessel's hull policy and the Charterers shall reimburse the Owners any additional premium(s) required by the vessel's Underwriters and/or the cost of insuring any deductible under the vessel's hull policy.
- e) The Charterers shall further indemnify the Owners for any costs, damage and liabilities resulting from such operation. The vessel shall remain on hire for any time lost including periods fro repairs as a result of such operation.

BIMCO ISM Clause

From the date of coming into force of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code in relation to the vessel and thereafter during the currency of this Charter Party, the Owners shall procure that both the vessel and "THE COMPANY" (as defined by ISM Code) shall comply with the requirements of the ISM Code. Upon request the Owners shall provide a copy of the relevant Document of Compliance (DOC) and Safety Management Certificate (SMC) to the Charterers.

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter Party, loss, damage, expense or delay caused by failure on the part of the Owners or "The Company" to comply with the ISM Code shall be for the Owners' account.

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Hire to be paid to Owners' bank:

Deval Denizcilik VE TIC.A.S. C/O Garanti Bankasi Altunizade Branch, Istanbul

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Account No.: 9004781/USD E SWIFT CD: TGBATRIS 914

Vessel's Description 53.

All Details "About"

M/V "Orhan Deval"

Turkish Flag - Built: Nov. 1984 - Self Trimmer Bulk Carrier

Call Sign: TCPX

GRT / NRT: 16,605 / 9,208

Summer DWT: 27,562 on 9.765 M draft

PANDI: UK (Bermuda)

Class: ABS

LOA / Beam / Depth M: 168.30 / 26.00 / 13.63 M

Winches: 4 x 25 MT Cranes

Steel-floored - folding type steel hatch covers

2 x 10 CBM Mechanic Grabs

Log fitted

All Aft Holds / Hatches: 5 / 5

Dimensions:

| Hold No. | Length | Grain | Bale | Hatch Sizes |
|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 18.10 M | 151.060 | 140.578 | 9.48 x 13.32 M |
| 2 | 26.00 M | 271,138 | 262,090 | 18.96 x 13.32 M |
| 3 | 26.00 M | 272,416 | 262,744 | 18.96 x 13.32 M |
| 4 | 26.00 M | 272,953 | 263,584 | 18,96 x 13,32 M |
| 5 | 26.00 M | 256,645 | 251,150 | 18.96 x 13.32 M |
| Total Gra | | | 1,180,146 CBFT | |

Last Dry Dock / Next: Dec. 2005 / January 2008

| | Length (M) | FRW (M) | Aft (M) |
|-------|-------------|---------|---------|
| No. 1 | About 19.00 | 4.50 | 18.00 |
| | About 26.00 | 18.00 | 18.00 |
| | About 26.00 | 18.00 | 18.00 |
| | About 26.00 | 18.00 | 18.00 |
| | About 26.00 | 18.00 | 9.40 |

Tank Top

HO. No. 1 17.8 MT per SQM

HO, No. 2 10.8 MT per SQM

HO. No. 3 20.4 MT per SQM

HO. No. 4 10.8 MT per SQM

HO. No. 5 14.4 MT per SQM

Economical speeds and consumption: About 11 knots/about 18 MT/day.

Speed/Consumption

At about 12.5 knots about 21 MT IFO 180 CST and about 0.2 MT G/O at sea. About 2.5 MT IFO and about 0.2 MT G/O at port - about 1.2 MT IFO daily.

- New Jason Clause, New Both-to-Blame Collision Clause, Conwartime 1993 Clauses, P & I 54. Bunkering Clause, General Average per latest amendments, USA Clause Paramount or General Clause Paramount where applicable, are deemed fully incorporated in this Charter Party and to be included in all Bill(s) of Lading issued, including Lien and Arbitration Clause.
- Trade and/or fixture to be kept absolutely private and confidential. 55.
- If steels (for billets not really necessary but we have mentioned remarks anyway) or other 56. sensitive cargoes are loaded, Owners to arrange for a pre-shipment survey, tally and out-turn report of such cargoes to be held by Owners' PANDI Club's representatives. Cost of such survey to be paid by the Charterers against relevant invoice of PANDI surveyor.

For steel cargoes Owners' PANDI remarks must be specific and cargo related, no remarks such as broken/missing/loose bands/straps to qualify as a remark which must be inserted in the Mate's Receipt and/or Bill(s) of Lading. All Bill(s) of Lading to be stamped "Clean on Board" plus any remarks in accordance with Mate's Receipts. PANDI remarks to be specific and the individual coil, bundle, etc., must be identified and marked by the PANDI so that at the discharge port such piece can be easily identified.

Acceptable remarks as follows:

- Hot Rolled Coils Covers dented.
- Galvanized/Cold Rolled Coils Covers dented.
- Steel Billets Atmospheric rust, some pieces slightly bent.
- Steel Rebars Atmospheric rust, slightly bent, wet before shipment, loaded from open
- Wire Rod Atmospheric rust, wet before shipment, loaded from open area.
- Steel Plates/Sheets Atmospheric rust, wet before shipment, loaded from open area.
- Steel Angles/Channels/Merchant Bars No remarks
- Steel Pipes No remarks.

Any cargo that does not meet the above approved remarks should not be loaded until Charterers or their representatives have had time to inspect the cargo and decide whether or not to permit the loading of same. If approved for loading by Charterers, a separate Bill of Lading and Mate's Receipt to be issued for such pieces with all the necessary remarks inserted on same and the Master can not be held responsible for time lost in this respect.

- Charterers have the option to redeliver the vessel to Owners in an unclean condition, paying Owners USD 3,700.00 lumpsum excluding dunnage removal. Charterers to remove dunnage / 57. lashing / mats prior to redelivery. If vessel is redelivered in United States of America/Canada, removal/disposal of dunnage at Charterers' time/risk/expense.
- Owners/Master to keep Charterers regularly informed of vessel's expected delivery. 58.
- 59. Deleted.
- Deleted. 60.
- In cases where neither the claim nor the counter-claim exceeds the sum of USD 75,000.00 the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the LMAA Small Claims Procedure current at 61. the time when the arbitration proceedings are commenced.

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- It is expressly agreed that the Charterers will not issue or cause to be issued Bill(s) of Lading 62. which are subject to the provisions of the Hamburg Rules.
- Charterers to pay all local, state, national taxes and/or dues assessed on the vessel or 63. Owners resulting from Charterers' orders herein, whether assessed during or after the currency of this Charter Party, including any taxes and/or dues on cargo and/or sub-freights and/or hire (excluding taxes levied by the country of the flag of the vessel or Owners).
- No liner or through Bill(s) of Lading to be issued. 64.

65. Trading Exclusions

The vessel to be trading worldwide via safe port(s), safe anchorage(s) and safe berth(s) always afloat excluding Cuba, Angola including Cabinda, North Korea, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Hudson Bay, Somalia, Serbia and Montenegro, Zaire, Sri Lanka, Russian North Pacific CIS ports, Yemen, Kuwait, Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Albania, Greek zone of Cyprus, Iraq, Iran and all countries/areas where United Nations imposes trade sanctions from time to time and all countries where war or warlike situations exist. No direct trading between China and Taiwan.

Charterers' option to breach Institute Warranty Limits but always against Owners' agreement/ confirmation and reimbursement of extra insurance according to the London underwriters, Iraq and Cuba to be allowed if cargo is United Nations-approved cargo subject to Owners' final confirmation and agreement with the Charterers.

The Owners agree to call Cuba with USA aid and USA-approved cargos.

66. Cargo Exclusions

The vessel shall be employed in carrying lawful merchandise in accordance with the requirements or recommendations of the competent authorities of the country of the vessel's registry and of ports of shipment/ discharge and of any intermediate countries or ports through whose waters the vessel must pass.

Charterers warrant that all cargoes to be loaded/stowed/carried and discharged in strict conformity with IMO and local regulations and BC Code. Any extra fittings/equipment/etc. which are required to observe such regulations to be undertaken by Charterers at their time/expense. Charterers will hold Owners harmless against all and any consequences that may arise and will indemnify Owners for all and any damages and or losses owners may suffer as a result of any failure in this respect.

None of the cargoes, goods, or substances listed below are to be loaded during the currency of this Charter:

It is understood that vessel is not employed in the carriage of:

Asphalt, arms, ammunitions, ammonium nitrate (but harmless fertilizer grade allowed), acids, asbestos, black powder, bones, copra and/or its products, concentrates especially calcium carbide and hypochlorite, creosoted goods, cement (clinkers ok), caustic soda, detonator caps, direct reduced iron/iron ore briquettes, pond coal, fishmeal, ferrosilicone, hides, livestock, manioc and/or manioc pellets, naphtha, nuclear and radioactive materials/products and/or waste, niger seed, oil cakes, pitch, petroleum and/or petroleum and its products (percoke ok), pyrites, sunflower seed expellers and pellets, linseed expellers and pellets,

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seed cake, salt, sulphur, scrap of all kinds, sponge iron/pre-reduced iron ore pellets, silicone, manganese, tar and/or its products, turpentine, inflammable, dangerous and hazardous goods and any other cargoes for which CO2 fitted tonnage is required as per IMO recommendations and other than vessel's natural ventilation is recommended or required, provided all cargoes to be in strict conformity with vessel's Certificate for Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes.

Two (2) cargoes each sulphur, salt, log, scrap (no turnings/no motor blocks/non-oily municipality scrap) can be loaded for this Charter period. If sulphur and salt will be loaded, the vessel to be fully lime washed and lime washing to be removed by the Charterers in their time and expenses under Master's satisfaction.

Owners agree for the loading of bulk copper/zinc/lead concentrates as per IMO regulation.

Soft Loading Clause:

Stevedores to initially lower the cargo on tank tops of each hold slowly to create a safe cushion of all cargoes prior to dropping cargo in holds.

- 1. Concentrates always provided that carried in accordance with the terms of the Charter Party and to be in full conformity with and to be loaded/carried/stowed/discharged in accordance with IMO and/or local authorities regulations/recommendations and certificate of water contents to be within safety margin for water transport as ascertained by IMO Code. Charterers are fully responsible for all time/cost/expenses pertaining to the carriage of concentrates including but not limited to certification/surveys required for carriage of this cargo.
- 2. HMS 1+2 or shredded scrap, non-oily and always excluding MBT. Charterers to observe Soft Loading Clause whereby first layers of scrap to be gently lowered and loaded on vessel's tank top forming a cushion prior balance cargo loaded to Master's satisfaction. When scrap loaded, the first load/layer of scrap in each hold to be lowered as/low/close as possible to bottom of the hold to provide a proper flooring and cushion for loading balance cargo to Master's satisfaction.
- 3. Petcoke to be loaded at Charterers' risk and expense and any special requirements and or fittings as per IMO regulations as well as local and international regulations to be attended by Charterers at their risk and expense prior to loading. Any cleaning including supply of detergents as required to be entirely at Charterers' time, risk and expense. Petcoke not to be last cargo prior redelivery.

Cargoes that allowed herein but it is required or it is recommended to limewash cargo holds prior to their loading. Charterers to arrange and pay for a suitable lime coating, if required by Master/ Owners to Master's satisfaction and likewise arrange and pay for removal of same after discharge to Master's satisfaction or in the event of a dispute, as per PANDI surveyors'

recommendations.

During the currency of this Charter Party Charterers are allowed to load max two cargoes of the following:

(a) Logs

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(b) Scrap

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- (c) Sulphur
- (d) Salt

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Granite blocks can be loaded provided sufficiently dunnaged to Master's satisfaction or in the event of a dispute, as per PANDI surveyors' recommendations.

Ferts Grade amnitrate (UN No. 2067 ok) and Ferts Grade amsulfate are allowed (classified under Appendix A or C of the BC Code).

Owners not to be responsible for any contamination and/or damage to cargo which may arise due to mixed cargo loaded in the same hold even if separation has been erected in the hold.

BIMCO ISPS/MTSA Clause for Time Charter Parties 2005 67.

- a) i) The Owners shall comply with the requirements of the International Code for the Security of Ships and Port Facilities and the relevant amendments to Chapter XI of SOLAS (ISPS Code) relating to the Vessel and "the company" (as defined by the ISPS Code). If trading to or from the United States or passing through United States waters, the Owners shall also comply with the requirements of the US Maritime Transportation Security Act 2002 (MTSA) relating to the Vessel and the "Owner" (as defined by the MTSA).
 - ii) Upon request the Owners shall provide the Charterers with a copy of the relevant International Ship Security Certificate (or the Interim International Ship Security Certificate) and the full style contact details of the Company Security Officer (CSO).
 - iii) Loss, damages, expense or delay (excluding consequential loss, damages, expense or delay) caused by failure on the part of the Owners or "the Company" I"Owner" to comply with the requirements of the ISPS Code/MTSA or this Clause shall be for the Owners' account, except as otherwise provided in this Charter Party.
- b) i) The Charterers shall provide the Owners and the Master with their full style contact details and, upon request, any other information the Owners require to comply with the ISPS Code/MTSA. Where sub-letting is permitted under the terms of this Charter Party, the Charterers shall ensure that the contact details of all sub-Charterers are likewise provided to the Owners and the Master. Furthermore, the Charterers shall ensure that all sub-Charter Parties they enter into during the period of this Charter Party contain the following provision:

"The Charterers shall provide the Owners with their full style contact details and, where sub-letting is permitted under the terms of the Charter Party, shall ensure that the contact details of all sub-Charterers are likewise provided to the Owners".

- ii) Loss, damages, expense or delay (excluding consequential loss, damages, expense or delay) caused by failure on the part of the Charterers to comply with this Clause shall be for the Charterers' account, except as otherwise provided in this Charter Party.
- c) Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Charter Party, all delay, costs or expenses whatsoever arising out of or related to security regulations or measures required by the port facility or any relevant authority in accordance with the ISPS Code/MTSA including, but not limited to, security guards, launch services, vessel escorts, security fees or taxes and inspections, shall be for the Charterers' account, unless such costs or expenses result solely

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from the negligence of the Owners, Master or crew. All measures required by the Owners to comply with the Ship Security Plan shall be for the Owners' account.

d) If either party makes any payment which is for the other party's account according to this Clause, the other party shall indemnify the paying party.

US Customs Advance Notification / AMS Clause for Time Charter Parties 68

- (a.) If the Vessel loads or carries cargo destined for the US or passing through US ports in transit, the Charterers shall comply with the current US Customs regulations (19 CFR 4.7) or any subsequent amendments thereto and shall undertake the role of carrier for the purposes of such regulations and shall, in their own name, time and expense:
 - i) Have in place a SCAC (Standard Carrier Alpha Code);
 - ii) Have in place an ICB (International Carrier Bond);
 - iii) Provide the Owners with a timely confirmation of I) and ii) above; and
 - iv) Submit a cargo declaration by AMS (Automated Manifest System) to the US Customs and provide the Owners at the same time with a copy thereof.
- (b) The Charterers assume liability for and shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Owners against any loss and/or damage whatsoever (including consequential loss and/or damage) and/or any expenses, fines, penalties and all other claims of whatsoever nature, including but not limited to legal costs, arising from the Charterers' failure to comply with any of the provisions of sub-clause (a). Should such failure result in any delay then, notwithstanding any provision in this Charter Party to the contrary, the Vessel shall remain
- (c) If the Charterers' ICB is used to meet any penalties, duties, taxes or other charges which are solely the responsibility of the Owners, the Owners shall promptly reimburse the Charterers for those amounts.
- (d) The assumption of the role of carrier by the Charterers pursuant to this Clause and for the purpose of the US Customs Regulations (19 CFR 4.7) shall be without prejudice to the identity of carrier under any bill of lading, other contract, law or regulation.

Intermediate Holds Cleaning 69.

Any intermediate hold cleaning(s) if required by Charterers shall, in Charterers' option, be performed by either the vessel's crew or by shore labor at Charterers' time/expense. If Charterers request services of crew for intermediate cleaning then this cleaning to be performed whilst vessel is en route to next loading port, provided the time of ballast leg is sufficient for the work and the weather suitable, or in port provided shore regulations permit. If this option is declared then Charterers are to pay Owners USD 700.00 per hold for each occasion. All intermediate cleaning, even if effected by crew, are carried out at Charterers' risk and in Charterers' time, (crew acting as Charterers' servants) and should vessel's holds be subsequently rejected and any further cleaning, etc., be required, then these expenses and time used always to be for Charterers' account. Any special equipment and / or materials/ chemicals, etc., which may be required for hold cleaning are always to be provided and paid for by Charterers.

BIMCO Fuel Sulphur Content Clause for Time Charter Parties 70.

Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Charter Party, the Charterers shall supply fuels of such specifications and grades to permit the vessel, at all times, to meet the maximum sulphur content requirements of any emission control zone when the vessel is trading within

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that zone. The Charterers shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Owners in respect of any loss, liability, delay, fines, costs or expenses arising or resulting from the Charterers' failure to comply with this Clause.

For the purpose of this Clause, "emission control zone" shall mean zones as stipulated in Marpol Annex VI and/or zones regulated by regional and/or national authorities such as, but not limited to, the EU and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Fumigation 71.

Charterers have the liberty to furnigate the cargo on board at loading and discharging port(s) or places en route at their risk and expense as per IMO and local regulations. If, due to fumigation. Officers/crew must be accommodated ashore then hotel expenses including victualling and transportation to be for Charterers' account.

72. Shortage Clause

Charterers undertake to appoint and pay for draft surveys at load and discharge ports. To the extent Charterers fail to do so then the Master will be deemed to have been authorized to perform these surveys on behalf of the Charterers.

Safe Stowage and Trimming 73.

Charterers are to leave the vessel in safe and seaworthy trim and with cargo on board safely stowed, dunnaged and secured to the Master's satisfaction for all shifting between berths and all passages between ports under this Charter in their time and at their expenses.

- Owners have the option during the period of the Time Charter to be allowed to sell the vessel 74. on the understanding that any sale will be with this Charter to be performed by the new Owners and under this Charter Party terms agreed. Charterers' prior approval of buyers should be obtained on the understanding that this is not to be unreasonably withheld.
- In case of multi port/multi Receivers then Owners not to be responsible for the distribution of 75. cargo splits between ports/Receivers but for the aggregate cargo discharged. The Master will follow Charterers' orders as best possible for correct cargo distribution.
- Any cargo separations required, other than natural separations, shall be for Charterers' 76. account/time/responsibility. Owners not to be responsible for any mixture and/or contamination of the cargo.
- No welding of padeyes, etc., in places which adversely affect vessel's epoxy coated wing 77. tanks or double-bottoms of fuel oil/diesel oil tanks.

Deleted. 78.

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New Jason Clause

In the event of accident, danger, damage or disaster before or after the commencement of the voyage, resulting from any cause whatsoever whether due to negligence or not, for which, or for the consequence of which, the Carrier is not responsible by statute, contract or otherwise, the goods, Shippers, Consignees or Owners of the goods shall contribute with the Carrier in general average to the payment of any sacrifices, losses or expenses of a general average nature that may be made or incurred and shall pay salvage and special charges incurred in respect of the goods.

If a salving ship is owned or operated by the Carrier, salvage shall be paid for as fully as if the said salving ship or ships belonged to strangers. Such deposit as the Carrier or his Agents may deem sufficient to cover the estimated contribution of the goods and any salvage and special charges thereon shall, if required, be made by the goods, Shippers, Consignees or Owners of the goods to the Carrier before delivery.

And the Charterers shall procure that all Bills of Lading issued under this Charter Party shall contain the same clause.

Both-to-Blame Collision Clause

If the vessel comes into collision with another ship as a result of the negligence of the other ship and any act, neglect, or default of the Master, mariner, pilot or the servants of the carrier in the navigation or in the management of the vessel, the Owners of the cargo carried hereunder will indemnify the carrier against all loss or liability to the other or non-carrying ship or her Owners insofar as such loss or liability represents loss of or damage to or any claim whatsoever of the Owners of the said cargo, paid or payable by the other or non-carrying ship or her Owners to the Owners of the said cargo and set off, recouped or recovered by the other or non-carrying ship or her Owners as part of their claim against the carrying vessel or carrier.

The foregoing provisions shall also apply where the Owners, operators or those in charge of any ship or ships or objects other than, or in addition to, the colliding ships or objects are at fault in respect to a collision or contact.

P & I Bunker Deviation Clause 1948

The vessel in addition to all other liberties shall have liberty as part of the contract voyage and at any stage thereof to proceed to any port or ports whatsoever whether such ports are on or off the direct and/or customary route or routes to the ports of loading or discharge named in this Charter and there take oil bunkers in any quantity in the discretion of Owners, even to the full capacity of fuel tanks, deep tanks, and any other compartment in which oil can be carried, whether such amount is or is not required for the chartered voyage.

U.S.A. Clause Paramount

This Bill of Lading shall have effect subject to the provisions of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act of the United States, approved April 16, 1936, which shall be deemed to be incorporated herein, and nothing herein contained shall be deemed a surrender by the Carrier of any of its rights or immunities or an increase of any of its responsibilities or liabilities under said Act. If any term of this Bill Of Lading be repugnant to said Act to any extent, such term shall be void to that extent, but no further.

BIMCO Standard War Risks Clause for Time Charters, 1993 Code Name: "CONWARTIME 1993"

- 1.) For the purpose of this Clause, the words:
- a) "Owner" shall include the Shipowners, Bareboat Charterers, Disponent Owners, Managers or other Operators who are charged with the management of the vessel, and the Master and
- b) "War Risks" shall include any war (whether actual or threatened), act of war, civil war, hostilities, revolution, rebellion, civil commotion, warlike operations, the laying of mines (whether actual or reported), acts of piracy, acts of terrorists, acts of hostility or malicious damage, blockades (whether imposed against all vessels or imposed selectively against vessels or certain flags or ownership, or against certain cargoes or crew or otherwise howsoever), by any person, body, terrorist, or political group, or in the Government of any state whatsoever, which, in the reasonable judgement of the Master and/or the Owners may be dangerous or are likely to be or to become dangerous to the vessel, her cargo crew or other persons on board the vessel.
- 2.) The vessel, unless the written consent of the Owners be first obtained, shall not be ordered to or required to continue to or through any port, place, area or zone (whether of land or sea), or any waterway or canal where it appears that the vessel, her cargo, crew or other persons on board the vessel, in the reasonable judgement of the Master and/or the Owners may be or are likely to be exposed to War Risks. Should the vessel be within any such place as aforesaid, which only becomes dangerous or is likely to be or to become dangerous, after her entry into it, she shall be at liberty to leave it.
- 3.) The vessel shall not be required to load contraband cargo, or to pass through any blockade, whether such blockade be imposed on all vessels, or is imposed selectively in any way whatsoever against vessel of certain flags or ownership, or against certain cargoes or crew or otherwise howsoever, or to proceed to an area where she shall be subject, or is likely to be subject, to a belligerent's right of search and/or confiscation.
- 4.) A) The Owners may effect war risks insurance in respect of the Hull and Machinery of the vessel and their other interests (including but not limited to loss or earnings and detention, the crew and their Protection and Indemnity Risks), and the premiums and/or calls therefore shall be for their account.
 - B) If the Underwriters of such insurance should require payment of premiums and/or calls because, pursuant to the Charterers' orders, the vessel is within or is due to enter and remain within any area or areas which are specified by such Underwriters as being subject to additional premiums because of War risks, then such premiums and/or calls shall be reimbursed by the Charterers to the Owners at the same time as the next payment of hire is due.
- 5. If the Owners become liable under the terms of employment to pay to the crew any bonus or additional wages in respect of sailing into an area is dangerous in the manner defined by the said terms, then such bonus or additional wages shall be reimbursed to the Owners by the Charterers at the same time as the next payment of hire is due.
- 6. The vessel shall have liberty:
- to comply with all orders, directions, recommendations or advice as to departure, arrival, routes, sailing in convoy, ports of call, stoppages, destinations, discharge of cargo, delivery, or in any other way whatsoever, which are given by the government of the nation under whose flag the

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vessel sails, or other government, body or group whatsoever acting with the power to compel compliance with their orders or directions;

- to comply with the order, directions or recommendations of any war risks underwriters who have the authority to give the same under the terms of the war risks insurance;
- to comply with the terms of any resolution of the Security Council of the United Nations, any directives of the European Community, the effective orders of any other Supranational body which has the right to issue and give the same, and within national law aimed at enforcing the same to which the Owners are subject, and to obey the orders and directions of those who are charged with their enforcement;
- to divert and discharge at any other port any cargo or part thereof which may render the vessel liable to confiscate as a contraband carrier:
- to divert and call at any other port to change the crew or any part thereof or other persons onboard the vessel when there is reason to believe that they may be subject to internment, imprisonment or other sanctions.
- 7. If in accordance with their rights under the foregoing provision of this Clause the Owners shall refuse to proceed to the loading or discharging ports, or any one or more of them, they shall immediately inform the Charterers. No cargo shall be discharged at any alternative port without first giving the Charterers notice of the Owners' intention to do so and requesting them to nominate a safe port for such discharge. Failing such nomination by the Charterers within 48 hours of the receipt of such notice and request, the Owners may discharge the cargo at any safe port of their own choice.
- 8. If in compliance with any of the provisions of sub-Clauses (2) to (7) of this Clause anything is done or not done, such shall not be deemed a deviation but shall be considered a due fulfillment of this Charter Party.

General Clause Paramount

This Bill of Lading shall have effect subject to the provisions of any legislation relating to the Carriage of Goods by Sea which incorporates the Rules relating to Bills of Lading contained in the International Convention, dated Brussels, 25th August, 1924, and which is compulsorily applicable to the Contract of Carriage herein contained. Such legislation shall be deemed to be incorporated herein, but nothing contained shall be deemed a surrender by the Carrier of any of its rights or immunities or an increase of any of its responsibilities or liabilities hereunder. If any term of this Bill of Lading be repugnant to any extent to any legislation by this Clause incorporated such term shall be void to that extent but no further. Nothing in this Bill of Lading shall operate to limit or deprive the Carrier of any statutory protection or exemption from or limitation of liability.

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| - against - |
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| Defendants |
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| EXHIBIT 2 to the Declaration of Epaminondas G. Arghyrakis Dated 29.06.07 |

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VERIFIED ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIMS

Defendants, Repinter International Shipping Co. S.A. (hereinafter "Repinter") and Miachart Corporation LLC (hereinafter "Miachart"), (hereinafter collectively "Defendants" or "Charterers"), through their undersigned attorneys, for their Answer and Counterclaim, hereby allege:

- 1. Admit the allegations of paragraph 1 of the Verified Complaint.
- 2. Deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the Verified Complaint.
 - 3. Admit the allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the Verified Complaint.
 - 4. Admit the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the Verified Complaint.

- 5. Admit the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the Verified Complaint.
- 6. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the Verified Complaint.
- 7. Dony the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the Verified Complaint.
- 8. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the Verified Complaint.
- 9. Deny having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of the Verified Complaint.
 - 10. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of the Verified Complaint.
- 11 Deny having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 11 of the Verified Complaint.
- 12. Deny that Defendants have any liability for any of the alleged damages referred to in paragraph 12 of the Verified Complaint.
 - 13. Admit the allegations contained in paragraph 13 of the Verified Complaint.
- 14. Deny having knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraph 14 of the Verified Complaint. However, despite demands from Defendants for Plaintiff to commence arbitration proceedings by nominating an arbitrator. Plaintiff has failed to do so to date.
- 15. Paragraph 15 of the Verified Complaint does not contain any allegations which require a response on the part of Defendants.
 - 16. Admit the allegations contained in paragraph 16 of the Verified Complaint.
- 17. Deny that Defendants are liable for any of the amounts set forth in paragraph 17 of the Verified Complaint and leave Plaintiff to its proofs.

18. Defendants reserve the right to submit all claims to arbitration in London and to have this action dismissed or stayed pending arbitration in London.

AS A COUNTERCLAIM

- 19. Pursuant to the terms of a time charter party dated April 13, 2006.

 Defendants, as "Charterers," chartered the M.V. ORHAN DEVAL (the "Vessel") from Plaintiff, Deval Denizcilik Ve Ticaret A.S. (hereinafter "Plaintiff" or "Owners"), for a period of nine (9) to twelve (12) months plus or minus fifteen (15) days in Defendants' option (hereinafter "Charter No. 1").
- 20. On November 16, 2006, Defendants sub-time-chartered the Vessel (hereinafter "Charter No. 2") to Belrussian Shipping Co. (hereinafter "BSC" or "Sub-Charterers").
- 21. Pursuant to a sub-sub-time charter, also known as a "trip time charter," dated January 8, 2007 (hereinafter "Charter No. 3"). BSC chartered the Vessel to Wajilam Exports (Singapore) Private Limited a.k.a. Wajilam Exports Pte. Ltd. (hereinafter "Wajilam") for one trip to carry a cargo of logs.
- 22. Pursuant to the terms of all three of the above-noted charter parties, all disputes arising thereunder are to be submitted to London arbitration with English law to apply.
- 23. Several claims have arisen under the above-noted charter parties which are now the subject of three separate Supplemental Rule B attachment proceedings commenced in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

 These three separate actions have not to date been consolidated.

CHARTER NO. 1

Plaintiff's Ciaims Against Defendants

- 24. As a result of the instant Verified Complaint filed by Plaintiff against Defendants on April 30, 2007 arising out of Charter No. 1, funds belonging to the Defendants in the amount of US\$434,425.87 have been attached to provide security in connection with a London arbitration Plaintiff has yet to commence.
- 25. Plaintiff, however, continues to seek security in the total amount of US\$1.187.769.26 representing alleged physical damage to the Vessel, purportedly the result of the alleged negligence of stevedores retained of the sub charterers (BSC) to whom Defendants had sub-chartered the Vessel and/or the alleged negligence of the subsub charterers (Waiilam).
- 26. The total amount of security Plaintiff seeks is comprised of the cost of repairs, loss of profits and undefined "associated costs," as well as projected interest and expenses. (See Verified Compl. Para. 17)
- 27. Defendants have tendered a Letter of Undertaking ("LOU") issued by Michael Else and Company Limited, agents for the Charterers' P&I Club, on behalf of Defendants in the amount of US\$1.187,769.26 reflecting the full amount of Plaintiff's alleged claims in exchange for the immediate vacatur of the attachment noted in paragraph 24, supra, herein.
- 28. Plaintiff has wrongfully refused to accept. Defendants' tender of substitute security, knowing full well that LOUs issued by the underwriting agents for Defendants'

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P&I Club have historically and consistently been deemed acceptable substitute security by both plaintiffs and this Court alike.

29. Plaintiff's wrongful refusal to accept Defendants' tender and release the funds now attached has caused and will continue to cause Defendants extreme hardship in their efforts to conduct their daily business activities. Moreover, Plaintiff's wrongful refusal in light of the more than adequate substitute security offered is an obvious tactical device to gain unilateral leverage in the upcoming London arbitration.

Defendants' Counterclaims Against Plaintiff

- 30. Defendants bring this Rule E(7) motion for countersecurity against the Plaintiff based upon the loss of hire withheld and/or not paid to Defendants by BSC as a result of Plaintiff's breaches of Charter No. 1 and the claims asserted by BSC against the Defendants for which the Plaintiff ultimately may be held liable in the London arbitration.
- 31. During the course of Charter No. 1. Plaintiff wrongfully demanded that Defendants carry out repairs, despite the fact that the Master, Plaintiff's agent and employee, had previously accepted a payment from the Sub-Sub Chanterers (Wajilam) in full and final settlement of the alleged stevedore damage.
- 32. Plaintiff wrongfully demanded that Defendants carry out repairs of preexisting damage which pre-dated the operations performed during Charter Nos. 2 and 3.
- 33. Plaintiff wrongfully demanded the repair of minor damage which did not affect the vessel's seaworthiness or trading capabilities, in breach of its agreement,

pursuant to Clause 32 of the charter party to hold over these minor repairs until the next scheduled dry-docking.

- 34. Plaintiff wrongfully demanded the repair of "wear and tear" damage, in breach of its agreement pursuant to clause 32 of the charter party that this would be excluded from Charterers' responsibility.
- 35. Plaintiff wrongfully demanded the repair of ordinary and inevitable damage of the type caused in the normal course of loading and discharging operations involving log cargoes, the risk of which Owners contracted to bear when agreeing to carry 2 cargoes of logs during the charter period in clause 66, the Charterers being liable pursuant to clause 32 of the charter party only for negligent cargo handling.
- 36. Further, and in breach of Owners' obligations under Clause 8 and/or their implied duty to assist Charterers in the performance of their own obligations under the charter party, the Master and/or crew not only failed to assist Defendants in carrying out the repairs Defendants were prepared to make under reservation of their rights, but actually obstructed Defendants' efforts to do so.
- 37. As a result, the Plaintiff caused and will continue to cause Defendants damages in the following amounts:
- (a) USDS56.127 in hire withheld from and/or not paid to Charterers by their Sub-Charterers, BSC, by reason of Owners' breaches of Charter (which breaches culminated in Sub-Charterers terminating the Sub-Charter because of the Master's failure to allow access for the repair teams);
- (b) USD390,322 to cover Charterers' exposure to Sub-Charterers' own claim brought against them as a result of Owners'/the Master's actions; a claim which

they have sought to secure by way of a Ruic B attachment now also before this Court. (See Docket No. 0"-cv-03151 (LTS));

- (c) Estimated interest on these two principal amounts (using the same measure adopted by Owners, 8% over 3 years) compounded at quarterly rates: USD253.STT.
- (d) Costs (using the same figures adopted by Owners): USD300, 000. TOTAL: US\$1,500,326,00

WHEREFORE. Defendants Counterclaimants pray as follows:

- 1. That the Court vacate Plaintiff's writ of attachment previously ordered on the basis of the sufficiency of the Letter of Undertaking issued by Michael Else and Company Limited, agents for the Charterers' P&I Club, on behalf of Defendants;
- 2. That the Court, in accordance with the provisions of Rule E(7), direct Plaintiff. Deval Denizcilik Ve Ticaret A.S., to post a bond, a letter of undertaking issued by Plaintiff's P & I Club, or other acceptable security in the usual form in the amount of \$1,500,326,00 as security to respond in damages to the claims set forth in the Counterclaims herein:
 - 3. That the matter be otherwise stayed pending arbitration in London;
- 4. That the Court enter judgment against Plaintiff and in favor of Defendants Counterclaimants in the amount of any London arbitration award obtained by Defendants Counterelamants against Plaintiff; plus interest, costs and attorneys' fees;
 - 5. That such judgment be satisfied by the security posted by Plaintifft and

o. That the Court grant Defendants Counterclaimants such other, further, and different relief as may be just, proper, and equitable in the circumstances.

Dated: New York, New York May 22, 2007

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VERIFICATION

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MARY ANN C. MARLOWE, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am a member of the Bar of this Honorable Court and of the firm of Keane & Marlowe, LLP, attorneys for Defendants/Counterclaimants Repinter International Shipping Co. S.A. and Miachart Corporation LLC, and am authorized to make this Verification on their behalf.
- 2. I have read the foregoing Verified Answer and Counterclaims and the contents thereof are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
- 3. The reason this Verification is made by me and not the Defendants Counterclaimants is that the Defendants Counterclaimants are corporations. none of whose officers are present in this District.
- 4. The source of my knowledge and belief is information and documents furnished to me by Defendants/Counterclaimants and their English solicitors, all of which I believe to be true and accurate.

Swom to before me this ുപ്പു day of May 2007

Notary Public